What BUS 302 Students Say About the Best BUS 302 Students wayne.smith@csun.edu [updated: Wednesday, October 28, 2009]

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"Be the leader you want others to be." --*Mohandas Gandhi (1869-1948)*

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to illustrate what Gateway students tend to say regarding the observed performance of the very best Gateway students in their respective teams. These short quotes were excerpted from the "overall evaluation" form completed and submitted on the last day of class. The quotes are generally verbatim; some minor editorial changes have been made, mostly in the interest of clarity and conciseness.

Student Observations of the Best Students:

"She taught me that in professional life it is not about how good you are personally, but it is about how good your group can be with your help."

"I saw the growth in him which helped me find my own growth often in the semester."

"She is very solid and performed at high levels in all areas during this course. She clearly is a strong manager and very good writer."

"She showed me that even I had the ability, working as much as I do and at the age I am, that I am able to work with the kinds of people I interacted with in our group. [I can] always make things better."

"She has shown me how to deal, in a positive way, with difficult members of my group."

"He was a leader since day 1. His experience in the workforce was demonstrated throughout the semester. One thing I learned from him was his preparedness to every group meeting and class."

"I would love to take another class with her."

"I have learned to think outside the box from this person, which creates a better final product."

"She is a very strong person related to the ethics of work. I have learned from her not to be afraid...I have also learned to take on unknown tasks."

"He is very impressive. He helped everyone work together."

"She is a very strong person related to her work habits and desire to improve." I have learned from her to make the sacrifice for the benefit of a quality education."

"She always did everything with a smile, even when she was being corrected. I have learned from her not to take things personally."

"I have learned how to apply myself even if I do not understand something—keep trying, it is never too late to learn."

"She is the glue of our group. She shows her management skills everyday, including in her analysis or everyone's individual parts [of the case study]. I've learned from her to improve my management communication."

"I learned present value and annuities from him."

"I have learned a lot from her. She always managed to push people, including herself. She helps find weaknesses and helps others improve."

"She used a very functional method for writing and editing. She used sequential versions to get the final draft ready."

"He possesses the characteristics of a strong leader. He is very reliable."

"She kept our group calm and collected as often as possible, and has more integrity than most people I meet in college. I've learned from her [how to have a] calming attitude."

"[I learned from her] that it doesn't matter how difficult circumstances are, if you look for a solution, you will find one."

"From her I learned how to do proper research and how to apply the researched material to the cases properly. I also learned to work and perform every day instead of one long day of hassle."

"She is the kind of person we should all follow. I learned how to proofread, revise, and make my papers stronger and clearer. Every time I wouldn't understand something, she would always explain it to me until I would understand."

"I learned from her how to take advantage of multiple resources in order to become a better student. [I learned that] if I don't know something, I can go out and find it somewhere."

"He is a computer guy and taught me how to work certain software that I had no idea how it was used. He was always available whenever we had questions no matter what day or time it was."

"She has the ability to keep a team focused and listen[ing] to everyone's point of view."

"He has taught me dedication to the group for a project to be done well and successfully. He is a very hard worker and dedicated individual. He was always the first one to get to our meetings."

"She had a way of pointing out faults that was modest and professional. She is also very hardworking."

"She seems a little bit shy and does not talk much, but when she does, it is very helpful. She is a hard worker."

"What I have learned from him is strong communication skills. He really knows how to talk to different kinds of people. He is also very organized with his work."

"She has very good communication skills. She is polite and respectful. She is also good with numbers in an economics perspective."

"She doesn't settle for [low quality] work."

"I learned from him that it is possible to rely on people and that by working together, the end product is far better than if I would have done everything myself."

"She is a hardworking person. What I have learned from her is how to really check my grammar and keep all of my paragraphs in the same tense. Grammar is very important to her."

"I learned from her how to manage time to complete large projects."

"I learned [from him] that I should not give team members so much leeway early into a semester. With this skill, I will address problematic members much earlier."

"She has taught me how to become a better writer and how to analyze a problem clearly. She has also taught me how to take pride in my work and always give it my best."

"I learned from her that proofreading is a continuous process that must be done multiple times by various people. [She] has made me a better writer."

"He has taught me how to use Excel."

"I learned from her that having a good sense of humor relaxes people in stressful situations. I have learned how to help people relax, which will make them more productive."

"Leadership--She has the ability to make decisions and take charge of a project."

"He has a strong work ethic."

"Thorough—He is very precise in every aspect of the project."

"I learned from her how to work hard without the need to take credit."

"She does work well in a team and really steps up to move the team and project forward. I have learned from her to be more assertive when working in a team and learned to listen and help direct teams towards the final goal."

"Preparedness, willingness, and punctuality are attributes that I should learn from him."

"He works very [well] in the team. He is very responsible, helpful, and punctual."

"[I learned from him that] leadership is not only having knowledge, but being strong enough and dependable enough for every person on [the] team."

"I learned that using a 'process' or outline can be very helpful when working in groups. I was originally not so open to 'process' for everything, but now I see that it is...useful. I also learned how to 'let things go' and be adult when dealing with [others]."

"He was prepared and looked ahead. [He] had the ability to anticipate a problem and he devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to details and people."

"His work habits have inspired me to do better. He has sacrificed a lot to make sure the job gets done."

"I learned from him how to a strong person without being overbearing. The entire semester, he has been the one to keep us on track and never once was he rude or annoying while doing it."

"[He is] a strong leader and a great friend. I learned from him that it is never wrong to question your work."

"From him I learned how to be a strong leader. He taught me to not be afraid to take control of a situation or in a group of people."

"I learned about Accounting from him. I [also] learned how to give undivided attention to all classwork."

"Throughout the semester, she has taught me the true meaning of hard work. Many times, she went above and beyond what the team asked her to do and never once complained about it."

"He has made me realize and experience that procrastination can harm me. He also taught me to be aware of my surroundings and to use the materials that will be necessary to enhance my goals."

"He has very good Accounting knowledge. He taught me to use Powerpoint. He is a great teacher!"

"One thing I learned from him is that he has great skills in working with teams. I learned from him that you have to sacrifice some things in order to be a great asset to the team."

"[I learned] how to adjust in a group presentation and relax by observing her body language. This is the best skill I have ever learned; I [used to be] very anxious when I speak in front of an audience."

"She is an organizer and a leader to some degree. I learned from her the art of coordination with a smile which, in my experience, is a very hard thing to do when you're used to dealing with the diverse group of people."

"[He] taught me how to take better control of a group of mediocre individuals."

"She was always the first person to provide feedback and helped me improve my work in class. [Probably the most important thing I learned from her is that] she is also not afraid to ask a question if she does not know something."

"He was available at every class/group meeting. [He was] willing to help others with their issues. [He] cares about the overall grade we all receive in the class."

"I learned from her that when faced with a tough situation, she takes it face on."

"He was willing to put the necessary time into the group in order for all of us to get a good grade. [He] cares about the team's performance and how well our papers are done."

'He is knowledgeable in all fields. From him I've learned to expand my horizons."

"He is a well-rounded student with expertise in computers, Statistics, and Accounting."

"She is hard working and does more than she is asked to do. I've learned that going above and beyond is needed no matter what I do."

"I learned [from her] that good communication is one of the most important things for a team to be successful."

"She is very pleasant and a fun person to work with. She took on unpleasant tasks that provided a challenge to her current knowledge."

"I learned [from him] that feedback and criticism is very important in putting together the final product and for improving [myself]."

"He is a great person. He is always willing to share and collaborate on ideas and approaches to solving the current issues."

"I learned [from him] to be more responsible, get the work [done] on time, and not to repeat the same grammar errors."

"She has showed me that as busy as things get, and as hard as some things are, everyone is capable of great things."

"I have learned [from him] that in order to be leader, you need to set the example and actually do more than what is asked to get the project done."

"He is an amazing accountant and he has given insight about life that I could acquire nowhere else."